

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 97, and 104-106, without prejudice, add claims 107-111, and amend claims 92, 102 and 103 so that the claims read as follows.

1-91. (Canceled)

92. (Amended) A multi-functional hand tool comprising:

at least one interchangeable tool bit member comprising a hexagonal body and a double ended drive bit; opposed pliers jaws; first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends, said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity, said first handle having a greater cross-dimension than said second handle wherein said handles are asymmetrical;

said pliers jaws being operably disposed at said first ends, ~~said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity,~~

~~a bladed tool, and means for pivotably connecting the bladed tool to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end,~~

a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a fully circumferential tubular body having a central axis, a closed end and an open end, said open end being bounded by an annular surface, said annular surface being in perpendicular disposition to said central axis;

said open end being formed with a hexagonal cavity for removably operably holding said tool bit member,

said tool bit member being slidably disposed ~~disposable~~ in said sleeve open end, and

means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve ~~adjacent~~ closed end to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end so that the sleeve is pivotably non-removable, whereby the sleeve and the tool bit member are pivoted from an operable position disposed away from the first handle to an inoperable position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit are inoperably stowed in the first handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member or sleeve outside the pliers first handle cavity thereby permitting ready alternate pliers or tool bit drive use, and whereby when the sleeve is pivoted to the operable position said non-removable tubular body provides a uniform torque transfer to said tool bit member in said operable position.

93. (Canceled)

94. (Canceled)

95. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 92, said tubular body having an outer surface, said sleeve closed-end having a flat end wall portion, said flat end wall portion extending to the tubular body outer surface.

96. (Canceled)

97. (Canceled)

98. (Canceled)

99. (Canceled)

100. (Canceled)

101. (Canceled)

102. (Amended) A multi-functional hand tool comprising:

at least one interchangeable tool bit member comprising a hexagonal body and a double ended drive bit; opposed pliers jaws; first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends, said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity, said first handle having a greater cross-dimension than said second handle wherein said handles are asymmetrical;

said pliers jaws being operably disposed at said first ends, ~~said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity,~~

~~a bladed tool, and means for pivotably connecting the bladed tool to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end,~~

a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a fully circumferential tubular body having a central axis, a closed end and an open end, said open end being bounded by an annular surface, said annular surface being in perpendicular disposition to said central axis;

said open end being formed with a hexagonal cavity for removably operably holding said tool bit member,

said tool bit member being slidably disposed ~~disposable~~ in said sleeve open end, and

means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve ~~adjacent~~ closed end to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end so that the sleeve is pivotably non-removable, whereby the sleeve and the tool bit member are pivoted from an operable position disposed away from the first handle to an inoperable position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit are inoperably stowed in the first handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member or sleeve outside the pliers first handle cavity thereby permitting ready alternate pliers or tool bit drive use, and whereby when the sleeve is pivoted to the operable position said non-removable tubular body provides a uniform torque transfer to said tool bit member in said operable position.

103. (Amended) A multi-functional hand tool comprising:

at least one interchangeable tool bit member comprising a hexagonal body and a double ended drive bit; opposed pliers jaws; first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends, said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity, said first handle having a greater cross-dimension than said second handle wherein said handles are asymmetrical;

said pliers jaws being operably disposed at said first ends, ~~said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity,~~

~~a bladed tool, and means for pivotably connecting the bladed tool to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end,~~

a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a fully circumferential tubular body having a central axis, a closed end and an open end, said open end being bounded by an annular surface, said annular surface being in perpendicular disposition to said central axis;

said open end being formed with a hexagonal cavity for removably operably holding said tool bit member,

said tool bit member being slidably disposed ~~disposable~~ in said sleeve open end, and

means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve adjacent closed end to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end so that the sleeve is pivotably non-removable, whereby the sleeve and the tool bit member are pivoted from an operable position disposed away from the first handle to an inoperable position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit are inoperably stowed in the first handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member or sleeve outside the pliers first handle cavity thereby permitting ready alternate pliers or tool bit drive use, and whereby when the sleeve is pivoted to the operable position said non-removable tubular body provides a uniform torque transfer to said tool bit member in said operable position.

104. (Canceled)

105. (Canceled)

106. (Canceled)

107. (New) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 92, wherein the first handle is sized to slidably receive the sleeve and the second handle is not.

108. (New) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 107, said pliers being non-pivotably connected to said handles, and said pliers comprising a single pivot axis, and said sleeve central axis being spacedly disposed from the pliers pivot axis with the sleeve in the inoperable position and the pliers closed.

109. (New) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 92, said pliers consists of only one pivot axis.

110. (New) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 92, wherein the first handle further comprises a bladed tool pivotably connected to the first handle second end, and the second handle has no pivotable tool.

111. (New) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 110, wherein the first handle is sized to slidably receive the sleeve and the second handle is not.